

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1641**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Haruki MIZUKAMI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1641

Application No.: 10/506,807

Examiner: B. NGUYEN

Filed: March 4, 2005

Docket No.: 136033

For: INSTRUMENTS FOR DETECTING LOW-MOLECULAR WEIGHT SUBSTANCE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 31, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4-8 and 17-21 are pending in this application and have been rejected.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

These remarks follow the order of the outstanding Office Action beginning at page 2 thereof.

I. Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as vague because it does not further limit claim 1 from which it depends. The Examiner states, "the labeled reagents are not part of the device since it is added at the time of the assay." Applicant respectfully traverses this conclusion.